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Sir:

As requested in the Notice of Allowance mailed April 9, 2004, applicants submit herewith three (3) sheets of formal drawings encompassing FIGS. 1-4b In connection with this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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